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- 1. The total planned production for 1956 of the Nost (N51/713) and Sokolov (N51/758) brown coal begins has been set at 14,000,000 metric tons as compared to 12,000,000 metric tens called for by the 1955 production plan.
- 2. In the Scholov coal basin seal seems have been completely exhausted in the pits "Rudolf" and "Dakla". It is estimated that the pit "Agnes" (or "Aneska") will be exhausted in mid-1956. The only resent new constructions in this coal basin concerned improvements and enlargements of coal-sorting equipment in most of the pits, especially that of the pit "Sylvester". Flams for the future envisage a substantial enlargement and modernization of the surface pit "Madard" to increase its production to 15,000 metric tons of coal per day.
- In the Most coal basin several villages are being evacuated and destroyed to enable planned extension of coal minimum. These plans affect the existence of the following localities: Ulberdorf (present name Oldrichov) (M51/F2h), Katsendorf (present name Kocourisov) (M51/F2h), Hegeholz (present name Majniste) (W51/F2h) and Krinederf (present name Krisenov) (M51/F2h). Goal seems under these villages are exploited by the surface mines "Segan Gottes", "Barbara", "Adolf-Marie" and "Waten", all of which are being considerably enlarged. In a similar way the town Kosteny (M51/F2h) with some 15,000 inhabitants is being gradually eaten up by the pit "Karel" in Zuckmantel (present name Posorka) (M51/F2h). The surface pit "Gustav" near Chlumec (W51/F35) has been greatly enlarged. Intensified parts of the city, including the main RR station and the pend "Barbara"

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have to be shifted to make way for new shafts. On the other hand, no changes seem to be planned in the operation of the following pits:

- a. In the vicinity of Most: "Vitezny unor", "Nejedly", "Julius I 1V", "Kolumbus", "Centrum", "Mathilde" and "Minerva".
- h. In the vicinity of Osek (N51/F24) and Lom (N51/F13): "Alexander" (present name "Gottwald" pit), "Biel", "Kohinoor", "Johann", "Himmelfuerst" and "Marie" (present name "Nejedly" pit).
- c. In the vicinity of Sous (N51/F13) and Jeneri (N51/F03): "Grobmann", "Hedwig" and "Juno".
- d. In Bohosudov (N51/F34): "Doblhof" and "Milada".
- 4. In the vicinity of Bilina (N51/F23) coal seams in the pits "Amalie III V" and "Ludwig" have been completely exhausted, and the pit "Emeran" will be exhausted in the near future.
- 5. In Lechnice (N51/F23) mining has been stopped in the pit "Frantiska", while the pit "Masaryk" near Brestany (N51/F2h) has been enlarged and its capacity increased.
- 6. In the vicinity of Duchcov the old pit "Olueckstern" has been reopened.
- 7. Production in the synthetic gasoline plant "Stalinovy zavody, n.p." in Zaluzi (N51/F13) showed lately a considerable decrease in comparison with the 1945 production level. The whole plant gives the impression of a slowly dying mammoth.

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2. Comment. Two reports give the "Mederd" pit production as 1,600 to 1,950 metric tons per day, and 60,000 metric tons per month respectively. It seems, therefore, rather unlikely that even a considerable enlargement of the pit and modernization of equipment could increase its output almost ten times.

3. Comment.

All the German pit names
have been identified on German maps and their location,

found correct. Czech pit names listed
in this report have been found in the 1955 telephone directory. Their
map location, however, could not be confirmed here.

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h.	3,279. (15,000) therefore appears to be considerably exaggerated, even if due allowance is made for a probable population increase as a result of the border region re-settlement efforts and the stress laid on coal mining by the Prague regime.	25X1 25X1
5. [decrease in production of subject plant. If true, it would probably suggest a change in the gasoline supply policy within the Soviet bloc. The plant was heavily demaged by serial bom- bardment towards the close of WW II and it is known that great efforts were made by an analysis government to bring it speedily into operation again in order to cover a considerable part of Ozen gasoline consumption. According to a report the plant employed same 12 to 15 thousand workers and consumed large quantities of brown coal produced by the North Bohemian brown coal basin. If the assertion of its greatly limited operation were correct, Caschoslowakia would probably be in a	25X1 25X1 25X1
	limited operation were correct, the constraint and the substantially more brown coal for export than hitherto.	25X1
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